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Former U.S. Counterspy Enters Not Guilty Plea

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 13 (AP) — Richard Craig Smith, a former Army counterspy, pleaded not guilty today to five counts of selling the Soviet Union information about secret United States double-agent operations aimed at penetrating the Soviet K.G.B. espionage agency.

One of Mr. Smith's attorneys, William Cummings, entered the plea and requested a jury trial as the 40-year-old defendant from Bellevue, Wash., stood silently during his arraignment in Federal Court.

Mr. Smith has been charged with selling a K.G.B. agent details of six United States double agent operations in which United States servicemen posed as traitors to learn the targets, methods and personnel of the K.G.B.